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In re Application of:

Guralski et al.

Serial No.: 09/954,444

Filing Date: September 14, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ASSEMBLING REFASTENABLE  
ABSORBENT GARMENTS

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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**FIFTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

Foreign Patent Documents

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EP 0 934 739 A2	08/11/99	Europe
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International Search Report in corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US02/24681, dated 05/23/03, 8 pages.

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This Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this FIFTH Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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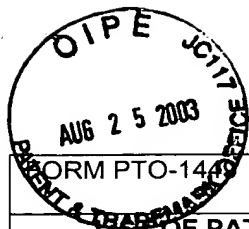
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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